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 $1. \ \ \mathsf{PRESENT} \ \mathsf{STATE} \ \mathsf{OF} \ \mathsf{PLAY} ;$ 

A. AIRLINES FILED TARIFFS TWO WEEKS AGO FOR EFFECTIVENESS APRIL 10. IN VIEW OF REJECTIONS BY AUTHORITIES IN SINGAPORE AND TAIWAN OF PROPOSED NEW RATES, RATES FROM THOSE PLACES FOR ELECTRONICS ARE AT THE OLD LEVEL (BUT RATES TO THOSE PLACES ARE AT THE NEW LEVEL).

B. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THOSE TARIFFS WILL NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COME INTO EFFECT AS PLANNED, SINCE CAB ORDER APPROVING UNDERLYING IATA AGREEMENT HAS BEEN STAYED UNTIL 15 DAYS AFTER BOARD HAS DEALT WITH SHIPPERS' REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION, COMPLAINTS BY SHIPPERS AND GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE AGAINST THE TARIFFS AS FILED, AND COMPLAINTS BY CERTAIN AIRLINES AGAINST NORTHWEST'S DIFFERENT FILING. BOARD HOPES TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS NO LATER THAN APRIL

10. WERE IATA AIRLINES TO IMPLEMENT THEIR NEW TARIFFS BEFORE THE BOARD APPROVAL OF THE IATA AGREEMENT BECOMES

EFFECTIVE, THEY WOULD BE OPEN TO POSSIBLE ANTI-TRUST ACTION.

- 2. REFAIR REACHED ACTION OFFICE MARCH 29 AND SINGAPORE COMMENTS ATTACHED ARE JUST NOW BEING FORMALLY TRANSMITTED TO BOARD, HOWEVER, THOSE COMMENTS APPEAR TO PARALLEL CLOSELY MATERIAL CONTAINED IN SINGAPORE COMPLAINT NOW BEFORE BOARD FOR ACTION (SEE ABOVE).
- 3. SINGAPORE EMBASSY NOW APPEARS TO HAVE ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE CONTACT WITH BOARD. SUBSEQUENT TO FAILURE TO FILE COUNTER-PROPOSAL (CITED REF B), EMBASSY MANAGED TO PUT ESSENTIALLY SAME MATERIAL BEFORE BOARD IN FORM OF THE COMPLAINT MENTIONED ABOVE.
- 4. NO LIST OF CAB-EXPERIENCED ATTORNEYS EXISTS, AND ANYONE MAY PRACTICE BEFORE THE BOARD. IF SINGAPORE AIRLINES HAS ENGAGED A FIRM IN CONNECTION WITH ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ROUTE RIGHTS, EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO USE SAME FIRM'S SERVICES. BOARD'S RULES OF PROCEDURES ARE IN 14 CFR 320, A COPY OF WHICH WILL BE POUCHED. CHRISTOPHER

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